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ACTION PM-05

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 NEA-10 ISO-00 SY-05 CIAE-00 DODE-00
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R 161510Z MAR 78
FM AMEMBASSY NICOSIA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7455
INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
AMEMBASSY AMMAN
AMEMBASSY ATHENS

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: FIREARMS SEIZURE

1. ON MARCH 15, SEVERAL GREEK CYPRIOT DAILIES
REPORTED THAT ON MARCH 14 CYPRUS POLICE AND CUSTOMS
AUTHORITIES AT LARNACA AIRPORT CONFISCATED FOUR
BOXES CONTAINING TWO HUNDRED PISTOLS AND TWO
HUNDRED REVOLVERS. NEWS ACCOUNTS RELATED THAT THE
WEAPONS WERE SEIZED AS THEY WERE BEING OFFLOADED FOR
TRANSSHIPMENT TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION. THE PRESS
REPORTS RECOUNTED THAT ACCORDING TO POLICE AND
CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES, THE FIREARMS WERE CONFISCATED
BECAUSE "PERMISSION HAD NOT BEEN REQUESTED IN ADVANCE
AND THE EXCUSE GIVEN FOR THEIR DESTINATION DID NOT
SATISFY THE AUTHORITIES." PRESS DID NOT SPECULATE
ON THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION OF THE ARMS.

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2. CYPOL ASSISTANT CHIEF ADVISED THAT THE POLICE
INVESTIGATION IS IN ITS INITIAL STAGES AND THAT HE
WAS UNABLE TO COMMENT FULLY ON PUBLISHED REPORTS OF THE
SEIZURE. HE DID CONFIRM THAT WEAPONS IN THE AMOUNT
SPECIFIED ABOVE WERE CONFISCATED AT LARNACA AIRPORT.
HE MENTIONED THAT THE SHIPMENT WAS TRANSITTING LARNACA

FROM ATHENS ENROUTE TO ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT. HE WAS
UNABLE TO DISCLOSE FURTHER PERTINAENT INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE INCIDENT.

3. RSO WILL KEEP ADDRESSEES FULLY INFORMED OF CYPOL'S
INVESTIGATION.
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